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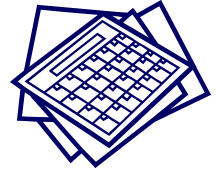
President - Stephen Schmidt Vice President - Don Ashley Secretary - Pat Koppel Treasurer - Dick Jackson

The President's Dispatch

Today, while I am composing this dispatch, is New Year's Eve and I have been sitting here thinking about what to write about this month. I am looking forward to the coming year. I believe we shall have another successful year with the Holston Stamp Club. The club's membership is strong and our treasury is the biggest it has ever been. We have made quite a few changes during the last few years and each change seems to have helped make the club stronger. Some of the changes that have occurred over the last few years include a change in our meeting site, which has saved the club a lot of money. A change of management of our annual stamp show from the club managing the show to a dealer managing the show for us (this has also saved us quite a bit of money). We have changed the way we hold our monthly auctions. We have added the stamp buying committee, which has given our membership a lot of new material to be able to purchase at very reasonable prices. (We have also made a net profit of about \$1,000 since this program was started) All of these changes were made before I was elected president and I believe they are all good improvements for the club. Of course, nothing can help a club, unless the members participate in the club and approve of changes by accepting them and utilizing the changes to the club's advantage and their own advantage.

With the help and participation of our members, we will be receiving a presentation on a philatelic topic each meeting for at least the first six months of 2018. I hope volunteers will come forward for the five months which as of yet have no presentations. I think the 5¢ stamp sales are doing well. We seem to get purchases from the binders every month and I will continue to

Club Calendar



*Guests and Visitors
always Welcome!*

January 18th - 7 p.m.
Monthly Meeting at
Northeast State Community College
Student Services Building Cafeteria

add more material to these binders every month. There are around 300 new stamps from Mongolia in the Mongolia binder plus some small additions to other countries. I have a donation from Dick Odum of 427 stamps from Czechoslovakia that I need to soak and dry before I can put them in a binder. I hope to have this done by our next meeting.

We had a wonderful Christmas party during our meeting in December. There were 22 people in attendance and we added two new members to our roster, one regular member and one associate member. The gift exchange was fun for all and everyone in attendance participated. There was ample food and I would like to thank everyone who brought something for the party. The auction which followed was smaller than average, but there was still some interesting material to be had.

I hope to see everyone on the 18th for our first meeting of the new year.

Steve

Stamp News of the Month by your Newsletter Editor

The Postal Regulatory Commission has approved the price increases that USPS proposed back in October. The new prices follow. Take note the prices for some classes of mail did not change. The new prices go into effect on January 21.

First Class Mail Forever stamps are for letters up to one ounce and their price will go from 49¢ each to 50¢ each.

Additional ounce stamps for letters will stay at 21¢ each.

Letters (metered) will go from 46¢ each to 47¢ each.

International letters up to one ounce will stay at \$1.15.

Domestic postcards will go from 34¢ each to 35¢ each.

Prices changes for Priority Mail flat rate products are:

Small flat rate boxes will go from \$7.15 each to \$7.20 each.

Medium flat rate boxes will go from \$13.60 each to \$13.65 each

Large flat rate boxes will go from \$18.85 each to \$18.90 each.

APO/FPO large flat rate boxes will go from \$17.35 each to \$17.40 each.

Regular flat rate envelope will go from \$6.65 each to \$6.70 each

Legal flat rate envelopes will go from \$6.95 each to \$6.70 each.

Padded flat rate envelope will go from \$7.20 each to \$7.25 each.

Prices for retail Priority Mail Express will increase on average 3.9%.



Monthly Treasury Report

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| Beginning Balance Dec. 2, 2017 | \$3,618.96 |
| Beginning Cash on Hand | \$3,628.63 |
| checking account balance | \$3,324.00 |
| cash box | \$603.71 |
| issued checks not cleared | \$299.08 |
| APS Circuit Sales owned | \$0.00 |
| Total Income | \$112.70 |
| HSC Auction sales Nov. | \$37.70 |
| Other Sales | \$0.00 |
| 2018 Membership Dues | \$95.00 |
| Total Disbursements | (\$160.29) |
| Pizza for Club Christmas party | (\$80.77) |
| Other items for Christmas party | (\$15.92) |
| Stock books for 5¢ stamps | (\$63.60) |
| Ending Balance Jan. 1, 2018 | \$3,581.04 |
| Ending Cash on hand Jan. 1, 2018 | \$3,593.74 |
| checking account balance | \$3,333.37 |
| cash box | \$316.59 |
| issued checks not cleared | (\$15.92) |
| APS Circuit Sales owed | (\$40.30) |

Adjustment \$12.70
FYI. Eighteen lots sold by members during Dec. special auction totaling \$74.85. A total of 8 HSC owned lots sold during the auction which totaled \$17.70

USPS Stamps for 2018 by your Newsletter Editor

On December 21 USPS made an announcement about some of the philatelic items that it will issue during 2018. The subjects in the announcement were:

Love Flourishes (Love series)
Year of the Dog (11th in Lunar New Year series)
Leana Horne (41st in Black Heritage series)
U. S. Flag (flag with two crisp folds)
Bioluminescent Life
Illinois Statehood Bicentennial
Mister Rogers
STEM Education
Peace Rose
Sally Ride
Flag Act Bicentennial
Frozen Treats
O Beautiful
World War I Turning the Tide
Dragons
Birds in Winter
John Lennon
The Art of Magic
Byodo-In Temple
Sleeping Bear Dunes
Meyer Lemons



Unless otherwise indicated by announcement in the newsletter, Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular meeting on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

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MONTHLY MEETING SPECIAL PRESENTATION TOPICS for 2018

| Month | Special APS Circuit Book Topic | Program Topic | Presenter |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| January | Belgium | Stars on Stamps | Bob Smith |
| February | India and India States | What are Errors? What are Not? | David Mielke |
| March | Malaysia, Singapore, Far East | Malaysia and States | Dan Hubbard |
| April | USA Revenue | What the Heck is This? | Bob Smith |
| May | Southern Africa | South African Topic | Paul Benson |
| June | Iran (Persia) | Geology/Oil & Gas/Minerals | Charles Bartlett |
| July | Portugal | Portugal | Dick Odum |
| August | Danzig | to be determined | to be determined |
| September | USA Possessions | Danish West Indies | Dick Jackson |
| October | Romania | to be determined | to be determined |
| November | Turkey | to be determined | to be determined |
| December | None | Club Christmas Party | |

Don Ashley's Pictures from December Christmas Party Meeting



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